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**New Food Facts With Britain To Result In Higher Prices Here**

OTTAWA (CP) — Parliament had assurance today that collapse of British-Canadian food-supply negotiations had been averted and agreements reached on new contracts, but it was left with only an inkling of the terms of the arrangements.

Under a barrage of questions, government spokesman Thursday could tell the Commons little more than the fact that the food contracts were being renewed. They said there would be volume and price adjustments—the latter presumably upwards—on all contract products except wheat, which will remain unaltered.

There were immediate indications that for Canadians generally the new arrangement would result in higher domestic prices for bacon, beef, eggs and cheese—the non-cereal food items in the contracts.

**SUPPLY AND DEMAND**

A high government official said the law of supply and demand might be expected to boost domestic prices, though the extent of any increase would depend on the amounts shipped overseas.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner said contract prices had been agreed to "in principle," but it was unlikely there could be any definite announcement on the figures at least until close to tonight's adjournment of Parliament until late January.

Financial terms of the new contracts—under negotiation here with a British food mission since Nov. 25—provide that Canada will extend an advance of only \$45,000,000 out of Britain's \$300,000,000 credit with this country for the first three months of 1948. The other \$100,000,000 of the \$145,000,000 expected to be spent by Britain in that time, must be paid in cash.

Aside from hearing the announcement of the British contracts, the House got through little business Thursday. Members, after fruitlessly attempting to obtain concrete details of the program, devoted practically the entire session to debating a government resolution for extension from Dec. 31 to next March 31, 1948, the Agricultural Products Act.

This enactment empowers the government to requisition food-stuffs to fulfil its commitments to the United Kingdom. During the discussion it was pointed out the resolution must be passed today to permit recessing over Christmas on schedule.

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Defence Minister A. V. Alexander told the House staff conversations were going on regarding a long-term policy and any announcement must await the outcome of those discussions.

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grain purchased by the Canadian Wheat Board. It was speculated the payments will be boosted 20 cents to \$1.55.

**POULTRY PRICES**

In the general House discussion on prices Thomas Reid, Lib., New Westminster, said the British price for poultry should be at least seven cents a pound more than at present.

British Columbia's poultry had higher prices in the British contract to combat higher costs of feed. It faced disaster unless its prices improved.

The Pacific coast member, discussing the costs of feed grains, said he could not see what good the Winnipeg Grain Exchange accomplished.

"It's just straight gambling," he declared.

Mr. Reid said British Columbia farmers did not begrudge prairie farmers the price of their grain. But they wanted poultry prices high enough to cover the "high" grain costs.

At the House opening, first reading was given a bill, sponsored by F. E. Jaenick, C.C.F., Kindersley, Sask., that would appeal to the Privy Council in London. Also given first reading was a bill, sponsored by Stanley Knowles, C.C.F., Winnipeg North Centre, that would protect railway workers against loss of their pension rights as a result of strike.

Replies to a question, Mines Minister Glenn said 48,978 persons—more than 27,000 from the United Kingdom—were admitted to Canada during the first 10 months of 1947.

The total includes 4,894 displaced persons, of whom 2,863 were Poles.

**Fears British Navy  
Lacks Manpower**

LONDON (Reuters)—The danger that the Royal Navy would not be able to man the fleet in an emergency was emphasized in the House of Commons today by Cmdr. John F. Maitland, Conservative.

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circumstances the traditional method of "grabbing" merchant seamen and fishermen would no longer be possible and he asked from where the reserves were to come.

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Another government announcement—by Trade Minister MacKinnon—was that the government would introduce, shortly after the post-Christmas resumption, legislation to provide for a substantially larger increase in taxation, legislation to provide for

the outcome of those discussions.

The party leader was commenting on an Ottawa story in the Toronto Evening Telegram which quoted him on the election issue.

He said:

"A reporter asked me today if we were prepared to have an election."

"I asked him if he meant on the government's economic program presently before Parliament and if so the answer was 'yes.' And I added words to the effect that we are prepared to fight it in its present form in the House of Commons to the last ditch."

"Further, that if the government persisted in pushing its dictatorial measures through Parliament unchanged we would make a public issue of it from one side of this nation to the other."

**Britain's Adverse  
Trade Balance Less**

LONDON (Reuters)—Britain's adverse balance of trade fell to \$31,900,000 (\$127,800,000) last month, the lowest figure since February this year, an official statement showed today.

Exports in November amounted to \$102,300,000 and retained imports to \$134,200,000.

Hospital attendants said the man, Carl Lonn, still was in serious condition.

The two children, Delmar Gene, 2, and his sister, Etta Mae, 4, died late Tuesday.

Investigators said the poisoning was believed caused by eating home-canned asparagus which Lonn had prepared for the children's noon lunch.

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**Weather**

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Vancouver and vicinity and lower Fraser Valley—Clear this morning. Increasing cloudiness this afternoon. Intermittent rain tonight and Saturday. Winds light today increasing to easterly 20 this evening. Milder tonight.

Georgia Strait—Clear this morning. Increasing cloudiness this afternoon. Intermittent rain tonight and Saturday. Winds light increasing to southeast 15 this afternoon and to southwest 20 tonight. Milder tonight.

West coast, Vancouver Island—Clear this morning, becoming overcast this afternoon. Intermittent rain beginning in the late afternoon. Saturday intermittent rain. Winds light increasing to southeasterly 20 this afternoon and to southwesterly 30 tonight. Saturday southerly 20. Milder tonight.

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**5 Hurt In Vancouver  
Traffic Accident**

VANCOUVER (CP)—Five persons suffered "extensive" facial lacerations Thursday night when the car in which they were riding went out of control, overturned and skidded 192 feet into a fire hydrant on a slippery south Vancouver street.

Injured were: Jean Backe, Norma Whitcher, David Woods and Janette Dingwall, all of Vancouver, and Fred Armour, Horseshoe Bay, B.C. Condition of the first three was described as "fair," while the fourth was in "good" condition. Armour was released from hospital after treatment.

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The Christmas Tree will be held in the Knights of Pythias Hall, 832 Cormorant Street, on Friday, Dec. 19, 6.30 p.m. \*\*\*

Paintings by Arthur Checkley, showing Dec. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 2, to 5, at Newlyn Studios, 1358 Pandora Avenue, near Fernwood Road. \*\*\*

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## E. & N. Engine Plunges Down 80-Foot Embankment

An Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway freight engine plunged 80 feet down an embankment after striking a rockslide near Cameron Lake 15.7 miles northwest of Parksville at 8:45 Thursday evening. The engineer, a Victorian, and the head brakeman were injured.

The Victorian, Andrew Bugslag, 334 Fullerton Avenue, jumped clear but suffered a strained back and bruises. He is expected home this evening.

The other injured man is D. Haughan, Wellington, the head brakeman, who was also bruised and shaken up when he jumped clear.

A third man, Walter Edward Sahtnick, Wellington, escaped uninjured. Two other men who were in the train's caboose were unharmed.

## Ask World-wide Boycott Against Arms For China

VANCOUVER (CP) — Imposition of an "international" boycott" of the steamship Colima destined for China with \$1,200,000 worth of arms and ammunition today was sought by some British Columbia labor unions in a petition to the World Federation of Trade Unions at Paris.

Telegraph communications were disrupted at the scene and amateur radios and the police system were used to obtain aid.

A wrecking train, dispatched from Victoria, is at the scene and it is expected the track will be cleared in time for the regular passenger train from Port Alberni today.

Company officials said the engine is salvagable and that it will be put back on the tracks.

Stewart MacKenzie, vice-president of the Longshoremen's Union, predicted today that in "all probability the ship will not be loaded in this port." He said he had wired union headquarters in the east to send the ship elsewhere than to Canadian coast ports.

Harold Pritchett, coast federation labor chief, wired Louis Saillant, World Federation secretary, that the unions were protesting the loading of 650 tons of machine-gun shells and 35 tons of aircraft flares in the vessel.

Officials of the Boilermakers' Union would make no statement other than that the union had banned members working on the vessel.

Meanwhile, loading of the vessel, scheduled for completion next Thursday, faced further delay of possibly four days with the ruling by Albert S. Kerr, Dominion safety engineer, that the Colima's gear was not in working order.

## Hart May Relinquish Command Dec. 27

The latest tentative date for the swearing-in of Byron L. Johnson as Premier of British Columbia has been set for Dec. 27, it was learned at the Parliament Buildings today.

Previously it had been planned to hold the swearing-in ceremony at Government House tomorrow.

Mr. Johnson continued discussions with Premier John Hart today but details of the plans for the new government are not expected to be completed until next week following a caucus of Progressive Conservative members of the B.C. Legislature on Saturday.

The caucus has been called by Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb, Progressive Conservative leader in B.C. and head of the Conservative group in the Coalition government.

## \$17 Billion Marshall Plan Bill Handed To Congress

WASHINGTON (CP) — President Truman this afternoon asked the United States Congress to approve spending \$17,000,000,000 on European recovery and strongly urged that nearly one-half that amount be spent in Canada and Latin-American countries.

Canada was prominently mentioned in the message as the possible source of continued aid to the war-devastated European countries.

If Canada gets help in meeting her deficit with the dollar area either in the form of loans or through the mechanism of offshore purchases, "the difficulties of continuing to extend aid to the participating (European) countries on a substantial scale will be considerably reduced," the President said.

The same is true of Latin-American countries, he said, asking that a new government agency to be set up under the plan be allowed to spend about \$8,000,000,000 of the total involved in the four-year plan, on "off-shore" purchases — that is to say, purchases in other hemisphere countries.

Mr. Truman asked for the \$17,000,000,000 sum lest the people of Europe fall into despair and surrender to "totalitarian control."

In an accompanying document, the administration figured that Canada and Latin-American could assist the 16 participating countries by furnishing \$1,870,000,000 in gifts, credits or sales of goods under regular market prices.

But he added that "we expect other countries which have it within their power will also give what assistance they can to Europe."

He mentioned Canada specifically, saying the Dominion proportionately is assisting western European countries fully as much as the United States is.

He said, in recommending by far the largest expenditure ever asked of Congress in time of peace, that Europe must be stabilized or the American way of life will be endangered.

Repeatedly he warned against totalitarianism and he named communism as the specific danger, saying the Communists "unquestionably" would seek to block the aid program so as to promote chaos in Europe.

Besides sending his message for reading before the House and Senate, the President submitted the draft of legislation setting up an economic co-operation administration to administer the program under a \$20,000-a-year administrator, a \$17,500-a-year deputy administrator and a roving foreign representative

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with full rank of ambassador and a \$25,000 salary.

The program calls for aid to 16 countries which endorsed the plan at Paris, but makes possible participation in the recovery program by any European country which can qualify under the standards originally laid down in the so-called "Marshall Plan."

The president said he was submitting the program at the tail end of the special session in order that Congress may proceed rapidly in the new January session to make the program effective by next April 1.

The program calls for an appropriation of \$6,800,000,000 for the first 15 months — from April 1, 1948, to June 30, 1949.

Mr. Truman said the best estimates that can be made now indicate that appropriation of about \$10,200,000 will be required for the last three years, carrying the program to June 30, 1952.

## Next Few Years Shape Europe

Without mentioning Russia by name, Mr. Truman declared that "the next few years can determine whether the free countries of Europe will be able to preserve their heritage of freedom." He continued:

"If Europe fails to recover, the people of these countries might be driven to the philosophy of despair — the philosophy which contends their basic wants can be met only by the surrender of their basic rights to totalitarian control."

"Such a turn of events would constitute a shattering blow to peace and stability in the world."

Bluntly, the President declared: "We must not be blind to the fact that the Communists have announced determined opposition to any effort to help Europe get back on its feet."

"There will unquestionably be further incitements to strike, not for the purpose of redressing the legitimate grievances of particular groups but for the purpose of bringing chaos in the hope it will pave the way for totalitarian control."

Mr. Truman disclosed that he

## Meyers Indicted On Perjury Charge

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal grand jury today indicted Maj.-Gen. Bennett E. Meyers on charges of perjury and inducing others to swear to falsehoods. The charges grew out of the Senate war investigating committee's inquiry into Meyers' wartime business deals. The jury

also indicted Eliezer H. Lamarr, 35, on three counts of perjury in connection with his testimony to the Senate committee.

### NEGOTIATIONS FAIL

MONTREAL (CP) — An emergency meeting of the joint marine council representing more than 1,500 licensed personnel aboard Canadian deep sea vessels was called here today as negotiations with shipowners for a new wage and working hour agreement appeared hopelessly deadlocked.

Fire In Harbor  
VANCOUVER (CP) — A fire that broke out in a former U.S. naval vessel here today threatened for 20 minutes innumerable pleasure boats and other craft in Coal Harbor. At the height of the fire one yacht was towed into the stream to avoid the flames from the burning vessel. The ship was not badly damaged.

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## HAVE A LITTLE PATIENCE

ALL BRITISH COLUMBIANS WHO ARE rightfully proud of the progress their province has made under the aegis of Coalition administration are naturally anxious to learn that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Anscomb have reached an amicable arrangement for the continuation of the present system of dealing with public business. But it is only a trifle more than a week since the former won his notable victory in Vancouver and became the new leader of the provincial Liberal Party. Nor should it be forgotten that the latter indicated to the British Columbia Progressive Conservative Association in the mainland city toward the end of October that he would have to "review the situation" in the light of Mr. Hart's retirement—and that "our party" will not, under any circumstances, break Coalition as long as the principles, obligations and responsibilities of a true partnership are understood, and that we certainly expect.

Just what the provincial leader of the Progressive Conservative Party meant by the foregoing generalization was not at the time, and is not now, as clear as Mr. Anscomb might have made it. His supporters, however, were less ambiguous in their desires or demands at the Vancouver meeting. They approved a resolution which practically told the people of British Columbia that the Progressive Conservative partner to the existing arrangement should be permitted to furnish the next Premier in succession to Mr. Hart. We are not to know if this decision has undergone any substantial change in the meantime. To what extent Mr. Anscomb considers himself bound by the resolution's terms likewise is purely conjectural. But when the morning paper talks about "party rivalry, horse-trading and mysterious discussions behind closed doors without public explanation," and implies that the joint task of the two leaders is as simple as falling off the proverbial log, it is manifesting unwarranted impatience. We heartily agree, however, with a former contention voiced editorially by our contemporary that "if it comes to an open conflict as to which party will contribute Mr. Hart's successor, the Coalition could collapse"—a state of affairs which the Colonist feels, as we do, must be avoided at all costs. But nothing will be gained by trying to force the issue unduly.

Both Mr. Johnson and Mr. Anscomb know that the majority of the people of this province are awaiting and watching the development of events. With the exception of that element whose philosophy is diametrically opposed to that espoused by Coalition advocates, all intelligent and fair-minded citizens of British Columbia realize the intra-party difficulties inherent in the composition of what at this stage constitutes that "true partnership" of which Mr. Anscomb spoke last October; and they appreciate, too, that our future political and economic stability depends largely upon the outcome of the parleys now under way. None will be impressed by those frequent reports of rumors "sweeping the corridors" of the Parliament Buildings; these should be left to the janitorial brooms.

## HOSPITAL FINANCE CRISIS

RECENT STATEMENTS FROM PUBLIC officials in the Greater Victoria area have served to emphasize once again the financial difficulties confronting the hospitals of this wealthy province. For example, speaking at a meeting of the Greater Victoria Real Estate Board at the Empress Hotel on Wednesday, Mayor George is reported to have said that he hoped the Royal Jubilee Hospital—which cost the city \$125,000 last year—would be recognized as a public institution for the southern end of Vancouver Island rather than for the Victoria municipal district exclusively. "That's the only way it can be placed on a paying basis," said His Worship.

The attitude of Saanich, supplementary to that voiced by the mayor of Victoria, is that the neighboring municipality does not intend to contribute a penny more to assist the hospital out of its financial difficulties, although the council was informed by the hospital board president that "unless help is provided immediately" the curative establishment may be obliged to curtail its services to the district.

It will be understood that hospital finances in British Columbia are provided, generally speaking, by the communities served by such institutions—aided, of course, by contributions from the provincial government and the municipalities. Government contributions on a per capita basis differ only in so far as hospitals are located either in organized or unorganized territory. In the former the provincial and local governments pay an annual per capita grant, while in the latter the contribution is derived solely from the coffers of the provincial exchequer. It also should be noted that in addition to the provincial per capita grants, the government this year set aside a special fund of \$250,000 to be used in what is known

as social assistance cases. Under this arrangement, therefore, the burden of the cost of indigent patients is borne by the provincial government. There have been numerous cases, incidentally, where hospitals which have run into financial difficulties—some, perhaps, through laxity in management, and others patently through no fault of their own—have appealed for government aid. But it is also common knowledge that where such a state of affairs has developed relatively few of the communities involved have shown a disposition to exert themselves through plans to go to the rescue of the hospital. In such cases the incentive to the provincial government to increase its aid to distressed institutions has been by no means impressive.

In view of these circumstances, therefore, an institution such as the Royal Jubilee Hospital—which serves a wide and large population and which is recognized as being among the first-grade hospitals in Canada—when it needs special financial assistance, obviously must show that those whom it serves are prepared to do their fair share to assist in meeting its obligations. We feel it is necessary to emphasize this, not only to supplement the views expressed by Mayor George, but also because it will not be easy to persuade the provincial government to open the drawer of its till and to extract sufficient of its contents to make up an assisting sum beyond the statutory per capita grants. Underlining the foregoing, the bald and disturbing fact remains that at the end of the present year the Royal Jubilee Hospital will be in the red to the extent of \$125,000. To take in five dollars and pay out seven cannot go on indefinitely. The inference should be obvious.

## TRADE AGREEMENT

ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS OF PRICE OR amount were made public in yesterday's announcement, there will be general satisfaction over the fact that new contracts for Canadian food shipments to Britain have been agreed on in principle. The British purchasing commission has been in Ottawa for an extended period, and recent reports from the conference chambers were to the effect that negotiations were stalemated. The crux of the situation was that Britain had few dollars with which to pay for her purchases in this country, while, on her part, Canada was not in a position to sell her goods entirely on credit. A compromise arrangement has been reached, based on no doubt on the principle previously enunciated, that although business needs could not be ignored, humanitarianism should not be relegated to the background.

The existing wheat agreement will continue in force with prices and amounts unchanged from earlier decisions. Contracts for bacon, beef, cheese and eggs will also be continued, but amounts will be revised and prices are expected to be increased over last year's levels. British purchases may be made only partly through use of the \$300,000,000 remaining in the Canadian loan, the rest being paid for in cash. In the first three months of 1948, for instance, only \$45,000,000 of purchases estimated to total \$145,000,000 may be made through the loan.

This arrangement will protect the Canadian economy to a considerable extent, while at the same time permitting Britain to buy the maximum of needed goods. The trade is minor compared with the huge volume proposed in extension of the "Marshall Plan," of course, and a more complete amelioration of the present critical conditions must wait the latter's application.

## ECONOMIC ISSUE

ACCORDING TO A DISPATCH FROM Ottawa which appeared in the Toronto Evening Telegram yesterday, Mr. Bracken is "prepared to make an election issue of the government's present economic program." Nothing so far has reached the public to indicate how the national leader of the Progressive Conservative Party would conduct his election campaign with an issue of this kind as the basis of an appeal to the electorate. Nor is the public likely to concern itself with this latest form of criticism of government policy from the former Premier of Manitoba.

The Toronto newspaper's dispatch from the national capital, on the other hand, would seem to reflect another instance of Mr. Bracken's impetuosity, lack of political perspective and woeful misunderstanding of the temper of the Canadian people at this stage. Again, as we said yesterday, it is small wonder that the Progressive Conservative Party's board of strategy is politically worried.

## WATCH YOUR STEP

## THE DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE OF THE

King and Queen in attending the annual Christmas ball of the Buckingham Palace staff is one that must provide delight and anxiety in almost equal proportions for the footmen, maids, pages, clerks and others who take part. What maid, fox-trotting with the Royal head of the British Commonwealth, would not die a thousand deaths in terror that she might step on the Royal foot before, the delicious ordeal over, she stored away in her memory an event to talk about for the rest of her life. And what venturesome page, no doubt thoroughly coached before the undertaking, would not be in a fever of apprehension as he waited with the Queen, for fear that, before all the guests, he should disgrace himself and them by missing a step or blundering onto a satin-clad foot. But with what pride in later life he would mention, with studied casualness, how he once danced with Her Majesty.

## Walter Lippmann

## THE BREAKDOWN AT LONDON

THE QUESTION now is not so much what to do about Germany as what to do about the Council of Foreign Ministers. The event has proved what men of experience in diplomacy have been saying ever since the council took charge of the peace-making: that, as it is set up and as it operates, it does not promote but prevents negotiation, that it is an instrument of discord and division and not of accommodation and agreement.

Even if the Soviet Union did not exist, if the western powers alone had to settle the world war, they would find it exceedingly difficult and perhaps impossible to settle any important issue if they had to deal with one another through the Council of Foreign Ministers.

BRITAIN and the United States have been working for about a year on a small part of the German problem—the economic and administrative merger of their two zones. They have been negotiating privately in Berlin, in London and in Washington and gradually they have reached some agreement. Suppose that these relatively small and comparatively easy questions had had to be dealt with by Mr. Bevin and Mr. Marshall as the great and general problem of Germany is dealt with in the council. Suppose that Mr. Bevin had had to state the British demands, and that at once they were printed in every newspaper in the world. Suppose that Mr. Marshall had then stated the American demands, and that at once they were printed in every newspaper.

After that how could Mr. Bevin and Mr. Marshall negotiate their differences? Every concession would be proclaimed as a defeat for the one and a victory for the other. It has never occurred to the British and American governments that they could settle their differences by public declarations in the glare of absolute publicity. Yet, though the differences are immeasurably greater, we have elected to deal with the Russians by public declarations in the glare of absolute publicity.

WE SHALL HAVE TO find some other way of dealing with them. It will not be easy. But we shall have to try. For if we cannot open up other channels of diplomacy, we may arrive at a breakdown of diplomatic relations. It is better that the Council of Foreign Ministers break down than that diplomatic relations between Russia and the western world should break down.

The history of the Council of Foreign Ministers throws some light on the problem. At the Yalta conference, which was concluded on Feb. 11, 1945, Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin announced that "throughout the conference, besides the daily meetings of the heads of governments and the foreign secretaries, separate meetings of the three foreign secretaries and their advisers have also been held daily. These meetings have proved of the utmost value and the conference agree that permanent machinery should be set up for regular consultation between the three foreign secretaries. They will, therefore, meet as often as may be necessary, probably about every three or four months."

THE IMPORTANT POINT to note is that at Yalta when the foreign secretaries met, the heads of government were also meeting and it was they, not the foreign secretaries, who resolved the differences. They will, therefore, meet as often as may be necessary, probably about every three or four months."

The present Council of Foreign Ministers is a quite different thing. Mr. Byrnes says in his book that he prepared the plan for it, and took it to Potsdam where it was adopted. The radical difference between the Potsdam Council of Foreign Ministers and the Yalta council was that the heads of the governments retired from the peace-making. Mr. Roosevelt was dead. Mr. Truman had no wish to carry on his work. Mr. Churchill was defeated. Mr. Attlee was absorbed in home affairs. There was, therefore, no one of equal rank who wanted to talk with Stalin—even if Stalin had been willing to take an active part in the peace-making.

THUS THE Council of Foreign Ministers, which had been a subordinate body, became, as Mr. Byrnes puts it, charged with the responsibility of preparing peace treaties. It has never been equal to the responsibility. For ministers are only ministers, bound by their instructions, uncertain of their tenure, unsure of their authority and representing in practice not their governments but a department of their governments.

To make matters worse the council has had to operate in full public view—with every suggestion, remark and intonation broadcast and magnified immediately. No diplomat in history could have succeeded in almost equal proportions for the footmen, maids, pages, clerks and others who take part. What maid, fox-trotting with the Royal head of the British Commonwealth, would not die a thousand deaths in terror that she might step on the Royal foot before, the delicious ordeal over, she stored away in her memory an event to talk about for the rest of her life. And what venturesome page, no doubt thoroughly coached before the undertaking, would not be in a fever of apprehension as he waited with the Queen, for fear that, before all the guests, he should disgrace himself and them by missing a step or blundering onto a satin-clad foot. But with what pride in later life he would mention, with studied casualness, how he once danced with Her Majesty.

WE ARE NOW witnessing the breakdown of the Council of Foreign Ministers. The best thing to do, it seems to me, is to recognize that the council has broken down, and to open up a discussion among the waltz with the Queen, for fear that, before all the guests, he should disgrace himself and them by missing a step or blundering onto a satin-clad foot. But with what pride in later life he would mention, with studied casualness, how he once danced with Her Majesty.

Defeat hasn't changed the way Germans feel about the Krupps. Which shows that the power and glory of money remain when all else is gone.

Possibly we are somewhat bet-

## Conditions Make Strange Bedfellows



## Global Survey

By DEWITT MACKENZIE  
A.P. Foreign Affairs Analyst

Dr. HEWLETT JOHNSON, known around the world as the "Red Dean" of Britain's famous Canterbury Cathedral because of his championship of Soviet Russia, has drawn a sharp rebuke from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

This isn't the first time the good doctor has differed with an archbishop. He says he has the right and responsibility as a Christian spokesman to express his Socialist views and supports this by citing that he was appointed dean by none other than the late Labor Prime Minister Ramsay Macdonald in 1933 precisely because of his (the clergyman's) belief in socialism.

## CALL ME A RED

The dean doesn't hide his political light under a bushel. He is credited with relishing being included among "fellow travelers." To question about his "leftist" tendencies he once re-said: "You can call me a Red." Among other activities he is a member of the editorial board of the London Daily Worker, the Communist organ.

## IN 10 YEARS

In 1945 he predicted a socialist Europe in 10 years, or much less, and said socialism wasn't impossible in the United States. And the moral of this story? Well, I don't think this is a spot for a layman to get categorical. However, it's permissible for him to express puzzlement over how one is going to assist the Jews when this happened the English put many obstructions in their way. Haven't they a right to defend themselves?

## TEACHERS' SALARIES

In an editorial (Dec. 11), to give point to your doubts as to the expediency of federal contributions to education you present "an important comparison" between the median salaries obtaining in B.C. and in Prince Edward Island, and point out the student of history is referred for all other details of the late nobleman's public and political activities. J. BAINES LEWIS.

Box 2287, R.M.D. 4.

(Editor's note: It was nevertheless a fine contribution.)

## HARRY ISRAEL

NEEDY FAMILY  
A mother in England writes and asks if anyone has a pair of boots and socks, size four, also a warm coat for her baby son 18 months old. She has two other children—a girl three and a boy six—whom she has to bring up alone and finds it very hard. These things would be greatly appreciated. Phone Col. 14W or write to Mrs. F. Gordon, 813 Portage Road, Victoria, B.C., and I will see she gets the things. MRS. F. GORDON  
813 Portage Avenue.

PALESTINE  
I wish to call your attention to the editorial of the Saturday, Dec. 13, issue entitled "Rule by Force." I have yet to see when you would write something regarding the Palestine situation that would show any justice or sympathy for the Jewish struggle for their long-promised homeland. Being a democratic people, both sides of the picture should be made the average between the two "medians"—how fallacious may be realized when we note that the population of P.E.I. is roughly that of Greater Victoria and that while the schools of B.C. are predominantly urban those of P.E.I. are mostly rural. Moreover, federal participation does not necessarily imply a uniform scale for the whole Dominion. In England, the Burnham scale, or system of scales, though mandatory, is not uniform, but varies with local conditions, cost of living, etc.

PLAUSIBLE FILLING  
Edmonton Journal  
That bane of human existence, the gold or cement tooth filling—always ready to fall out when you least expect it—may soon join the battle-axe and the spinning-wheel. It will, that is, if Dr. Sten Forshufvud of Gothenburg, Sweden, has his way. He considers the teeth of cattle the proper material to repair human molars. The thing seems plausible enough, because it is analogous to the process by which wounds heal in other tissues.

## WHY?

Letter to the Vancouver Province  
Why should older people pay more for streetcar transportation than children?

Children occupy the same seat space as adults and rudely refuse to give up their seats to older people, even when asked.

Now that we are going to pay higher fares I think it is time to equalize the charges.

I have to pay 10 cents for a ride and a noisy youngster gets the same service for 4 cents. Why?

STANDING ON ITS OWN  
Financial Post

Our Dominion is now at a turning point in its economic development. Our future path seems inevitably to lie in still closer economic relationships with the United States.

That need not and should not mean a drawing away from the Commonwealth, a weakening of our material and spiritual ties, Canada's welfare and her contribution to the peace and prosperity of the world community depend on her own strength and on the vitality of her development as a nation, not in any soft and sycophantic zeal to move in under the American umbrella.

## Know Your Friends

By JOSEPH LISTER RUTLEDGE

A CANADIAN-United States Committee on Education that for the past two years has been studying the bearing of our educational systems on our understanding of one another, has come to the sobering realization that our friendliness is a matter of chance rather than understanding. The understanding is mutually negligible, our educational systems have almost wholly disregarded the fact that we live in close proximity.

We have made no conscious effort to understand one another. The United States delegates frankly admit that all the school textbooks of their country combined devote only a little better than one per cent of their pages to Canada. The stray items regarding this country, grouped together, would represent only about 8 pages in a 600-page book. Small wonder that one high school student frankly admitted that until this year he had quite honestly believed that "Canadians were a fierce and war-like people, something like savages."

As the report observes: "These two democratic nations must continue to stand as an example to the rest of the world." It will be a lot easier to maintain that lofty attitude if we see each other clearly as we are today, without our viewpoints being clouded by the mighty antagonisms of years past and issues long forgotten.

## Our Own House

Ottawa Journal

We have too much to do in setting our own house in order to be able to afford to tell other countries what to do about theirs. For a nation, as for an individual, a touch of humility, which means avoidance of cocksureness about people, something like savages, is not a bad thing.

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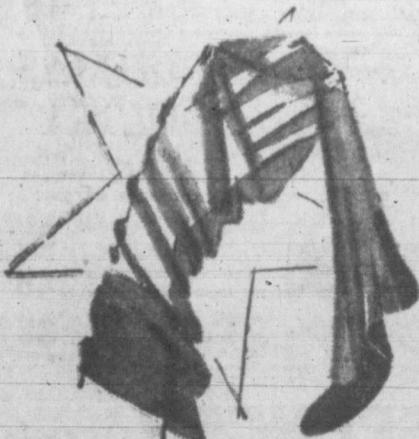
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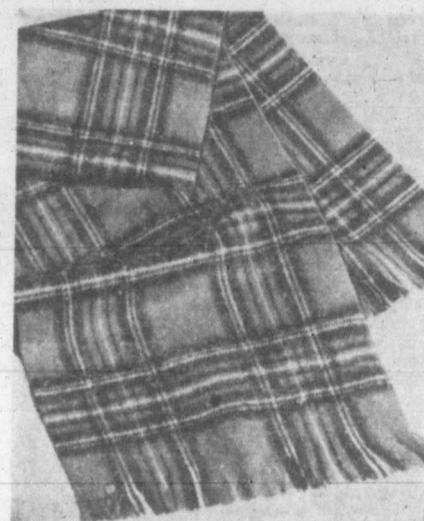
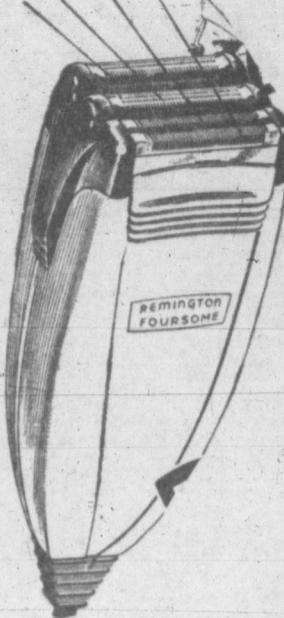
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Harry Hargreaves was re-elected president of the society and Hubert Lethaby of Victoria was returned as first vice-president. J. Arthur Wild, also of Victoria, and N. Wright of Nanaimo were amongst those elected to the board of directors.

**Statistics Show 'Get-a-Vote' Campaigns Bring Voters Out**

Election apathy has been a problem in the Greater Victoria area for many years, and periodically organizations have tried to stir up interest.

The effect of these campaigns was pointed up in the civic elections recently held, when the efforts of the Non-Partisan League succeeded in getting out 40 per cent of the city's electorate, while apathy reigned in Esquimalt and Oak Bay, where less than a quarter of the voters turned out.

A check of the city election records, supplied by M. F. Hunter, returning officer, shows that in 1938 the largest percentage of voters turned out, 63.16

per cent. This was the second year of an intensive "get out the vote" campaign carried on by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

From 1938 on the interest dropped, so that in 1939 only 34.34 per cent turned out, in 1940 only 28.80 per cent, and in 1942 only 25.21 per cent.

In 1946 a mild effort was made by the junior chamber members to get the voters out, and this plus the fact there were three referendums and one by-law, all controversial, brought out 47.03 per cent again.

The Gyro Club was the first organization to institute the "get-a-vote" campaigns, starting in 1923, two years after the club was formed. They were a younger element and were concerned with the apathy shown by voters in the civic elections. A committee of Newton F. Pullen, now in Vancouver, chairman; Archie Wills and Sid Lowe were named to stage the campaign.

Many novelties were introduced to get the people out, including the blowing of the powerful brewery whistle at intervals, and it was successful. However, after several years of successful campaigns the voters started to complain there was little point in turning out when there was a scarcity of candidates.

Rules of the Gyro Club did not permit sponsoring candidates, but the committee was instructed to see if it could induce prominent businessmen to become candidates for aldermen. At the next election, four new names were added to the list of candidates and all elected. Two, David Leeming and Reginald Hayward, later became mayors of Victoria, and one became a member of the provincial House.

The "get-a-vote" campaign lapsed after a few years, however, until it was revived by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1937.

The population trend in Victoria, as shown in the voters' lists, showed a steady growth until 1931, when the list of voters stood at 12,189, and 57.8 per cent of them voted to elect a mayor, aldermen, school trustees and police commissioner.

In 1932 a population drop was noted, and it continued down steadily until 1935, when the voters' list stood at 11,183. In 1936, the worst of the depression over, the trend started upward again, but it took until 1939 for the list to pass the 1931 level.

Since then there has been a steady climb in the list until this year it stood at 17,295.

A check on the referendums and by-laws placed before the people shows a right-about-face in several instances. For example, in 1936 the electorate turned down a two-year term for mayor by a vote of 2,161 to 3,861, while in 1946 they approved it by a vote of 4,979 to 2,597. On chlorination of the city's water the electorate in 1943 voted against it by 1,692 to 4,269, and in 1946 they approved it by a vote of 4,099 to 3,526. They turned down one transportation franchise in December, 1946, by 3,109 to 3,238, and approved an almost identical franchise six months later in June of this year by 4,895 to 755.

A Christmas party for the children of members and friends of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Social Club was held at Britannia branch of the Canadian Legion. E. G. Drage, president, was in charge of arrangements. Fred Usher, Bob McGill and Ernie Fullerton provided the entertainment, which was spaced by movies and climaxed with the arrival of Santa Claus who distributed presents to all the children.

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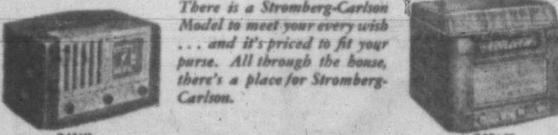
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"Fiesta" produced at the Club Sirocco last night gave some indication of the work an organization is doing to lay the groundwork to bring out Canada's latent entertainment talent.

The Canadian Theatre and Arts Production, a newly-formed organization, presented "Fiesta," starring a young Canadian dance team—"The Eight Sophisticates"—and a talented Winnipeg singer, Lorraine Cross.

William Walker, managing director of the all-Canadian entertainment group, said the organization planned to open a Canadian market for Canadian talent and to prove it is as good as any found in other countries.

He disclosed that he intended to produce a show in the near future which would feature only talented artists from Vancouver Island.

Mr. Walker also said Great Britain and Australia were anxious to sign on Canadian artists and negotiations were already in progress to send two Canadian groups to these two countries.

In the entertainment field, Canada supplied more outstanding stars than any other country per capita," he said. "There is no reason why Canadians can't make use of their own artists."

Last night's show was marked with color, music and gaiety and from an entertainment standpoint was a success. The piano accordion selection by Horace Lazzari proved very popular, as well as the dance team of Elaine and Hugo.

Attendance at the show, however, was poor.

**Christmas Program  
At Rotary Meeting**

The Christmas frolic for members and their wives featured Thursday's meeting of the Victoria Rotary Club held in the Empress Hotel. The program included singing of Christmas carols, led by Dr. Frank Harwood; cornet solos by Dr. George Green, accompanied by his wife; piano selections by Miss Lorraine Cornish; Christmas carols sung by Miss Kathleen Drysdale, and a turkey draw.

In addition, four door prizes for ladies were awarded to Mrs. R. Batey, Mrs. R. Murphy, Mrs. C. McLaughlin and Mrs. V. Clarke. A man's door prize, a pup tent, was won by James Taylor.

Winners in the turkey draw, conducted by A. C. Lindsey, were: Mrs. Walter Luney, Stan Scurrah, Walter Hitchcox, W. C. Mainwaring, Cliff Denham, Mrs. A. Anderson, Arthur Petch, Miss Winifred Warren of the Empress Hotel staff, Bill Hallock, John Anderson, Mrs. W. Bell, Harold Timberlake, Bill Pinfold, P. Peterkin, Ernie Heybroek, A. C. Bell, Fred Butterfield, George Brown, Al Davies, Louis Miche, Ian Earl Pollock, Col. C. Junget, Tom Brown, Mrs. W. Clark, Mrs. M. Green.

A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Jeffrey Arnott, wife of the club president, by Louis Michelin on behalf of the club.

**\$9,000 Collected In  
T.B. Seal Campaign**

More than \$9,000, which has been collected in the Greater Victoria Area to date from sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals will aid the province-wide fight against public health enemy number four, tuberculosis.

Contributions are still coming in to Soroptimist Club headquarters at 1230 Government, and club members urge those who have not yet made their seal contribution to beat Christmas mailing deadlines so that final returns may be tabulated as soon as possible. All cheques should be made payable to the British Columbia Tuberculosis Society.

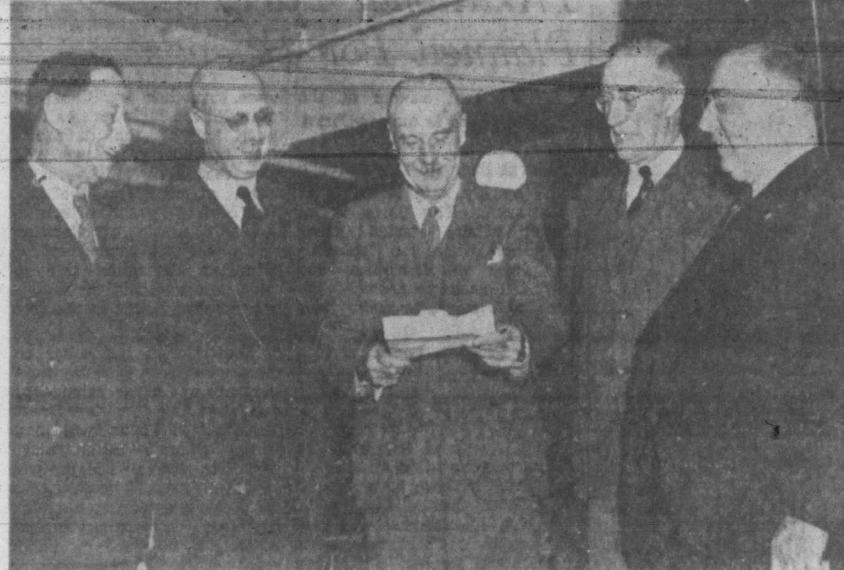
Soroptimists say that it is still not too late to buy Christmas Seals. Information may be obtained by phoning Beacon 4422.

**Launching Third  
Lighthouse Tender**

Yarrows Ltd. will launch the third of four French Lighthouse tenders towards the end of January and the fourth and last tender in the middle of March, according to H. A. Wallace, Yarrows president.

When all four vessels are completed, they will sail from Victoria under their own power and proceed to France. They will cost an estimated \$2,750,000.

**Remnants Hold Christmas Memorial Service**

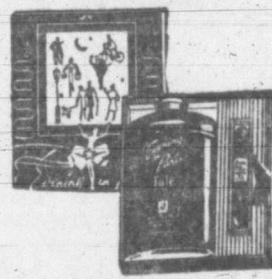


An interesting service was held Thursday in the store of David Spencer Ltd. by Spencer's Remnants. It took the form of a memorial to the former employees of the store who died in two world wars. Rev. George Biddle of St. John's Church gave the address. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded. Shown above are four past presidents of the Remnants with President Dave Murray. Left to right they are: Frank Curtis, Walter Thomson, Mr. Murray, Tom Ross and Jim Roberts.

**SOFTOL DE LUXE  
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Removes cuticle without cutery.

Contains 1 1/2-oz. bottle lubricant, 1-oz. bottle of nail conditioners and lubricant shaper complete with attractive boudoir stand. A gift that is welcomed by all women. 2.75



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EVENING IN PARIS . . . . . 4.00  
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Eau de Cologne, small, boxed . . . . . 75¢

Eau de Cologne, with  
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gift box . . . . . 1.10



**MAIS OUI**

10.00



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in the back of Johnson's car.  
He placed a gun at the back of  
the agent's head and demanded  
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**To Contractors and Others  
Greetings!**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED**

that from 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 19, 1947, until  
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**The Entire Plant of British Columbia  
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Metal-bound ornate back in colors  
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## Matron Of Honor At Saturday Wedding



Mrs. E. F. Piper, who arrived from Vancouver Thursday afternoon, has been chosen as matron of honor by Miss Betty McAdie for her marriage to Mr. Gordon Holms tomorrow. Mrs. Piper is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Roberts, Ocean View Avenue, and will be joined by her husband Saturday. They plan to spend Christmas in Victoria.

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Traditional Party  
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A traditional custom at the Yuletide season is the pre-Christmas after-five party to be given tonight at their Rockland Avenue home by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mainwaring. The party is an annual affair, started many years ago when the Mainwarings lived in Vancouver and continued each year since they came to Victoria to make their

Mrs. Preston Locke arrived Thursday from Pasadena to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mainwaring, Rockland Avenue. She was accompanied from Seattle by Mrs. Mainwaring's young niece, Miss Shirley Latta. Mr. and Mrs. Mainwaring will also have as their Christmas guests the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Latta

of Seattle with two other children, who arrive the day before Christmas. On the same day, a son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Tysoe, will arrive from Britannia Beach, and a son, Mr. Donald Mainwaring, will come from Vancouver. Mrs. Mainwaring's mother, Mrs. B. A. Latta, will come from Vancouver on Sunday to spend the holiday season with her son-in-law and daughter.

## Staff Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Luney were hosts at a dinner party at the Empress Hotel Thursday evening. Their guests were members of the office staff of Luney Bros. Ltd., their wives, husbands and friends. Covers were laid for 14. Following dinner, the party attended the last show at the Royal Theatre and later in the evening went on to Mr. and Mrs. Luney's home on Uplands Road.

Distinguished Guests  
Entertained At Luncheon

Hon. Betty Askwith and Hon. Theodora Benson, distinguished visitors from London, Eng., who have been staying at the Empress Hotel, were guests of Mr. Anthony Williams and Mr. John Alderson at luncheon at the Empress, prior to leaving on the afternoon boat en route to Minneapolis, where they will spend Christmas with friends. The visitors, daughters of Lord Askwith and Lord Charnwood, recently joined the ranks of authors with books published in England. Hon. Betty Askwith's book, "The Admiral's Daughter" was published in October, while Hon. Theodora Benson's novel, "The Undertaker's Wife," was issued in September.

## Pre-Christmas Parties

Continuing the whirl of pre-Christmas parties, Mr. J. Villiers Fisher, deputy minister of finance, and Mrs. Fisher will be hosts to friends at their Barkley Street home, early evening on Saturday. Miss Helen Baird is entertaining friends, after-five

on Saturday at the Priory, Penberton Road. Also on Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Herb Spence plan an after-five party at their home on Old Esquimalt Road and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. McQuade will entertain from 4 until 7 at their home on Hampshire Road.

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Tiny children of St. Christopher's School, all under eight years of age, presented their Christmas closing play Tuesday afternoon at the school, giving their own version of the Manger scene, with Mary, the shepherds and the angels. Over 100 parents and guests attended the performance, which was directed by Miss M. Sutherland. Mr. J. J. Timmis is headmaster at the school and Miss G. M. Edwards is the headmistress.

## Suggestions For Her

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## Dorothy Dix

## SMART FATHERHOOD

A correspondent asks: "What makes a man a good father?" I think a good father is a man who is half boy and half boss, a man who plays with his children, but who keeps a strong hand over them. When a man is his children's most intimate friend, he is entitled to pin the Good Father Medal on his chest. Not otherwise.

## GUIDING SPIRIT

A good father establishes his relationship with his babies in their cradles. He talks to them when their only means of communicating is baby talk. He chums with them. He teaches them how to build block houses. He plays horse with them. He knows what they are thinking before they know it themselves. He has a diagram of their every fault and weakness and virtue. So when the time comes when they need someone to guide them and start them in the right direction, father is right there to do it.

A good father knows that all of this talk about natural affection is just so much hooey. There isn't any such thing. Parents have to earn their children's love and their respect and their confidence by working for it and being worthy of it, just as they do with strangers. If papa has never taken the trouble to get acquainted with his kids, he can't expect them to be sentimental over him. Probably plenty of children think they were sired by a cheque book.

A good father forgets his own youth. He remembers how avid he was for pleasure when he was a teen-ager; how crazy he was about his first sweetheart; how easily he was influenced by older boys; how many silly,

foolish scrapes he got into through sheer ignorance, and he doesn't set himself up as a harsh judge of his children when they commit some folly that they are afraid to tell him about.

## CAREFUL WITH OPINIONS

He doesn't call Jack a young fool because he runs up a bill at the florist's while he is in the clutches of some little gold-digger. He doesn't bowl Mary out before her date when she comes too late from a party. He talks to them sympathetically and understandingly, and they watch their steps a little better and ever after.

A good father once said to me: "The one thing I impress on my children is never go to strangers when they get into trouble or need money, but to come to me."

Being a good father is a difficult job, but it is the most worth while one in the world. Try it on your kids.

## UNPROPOSING SWAIN

Dear Miss Dix: For two years I have been going steadily with a young man with whom I am in love. I feel certain that he is in love with me, but, although I have tried in every possible way, I cannot get him to ask me to marry him.

Have you any idea as to what can be done about it?

ANN M. C.

Answer: I think the most curious thing in all the world is the ability that women have to kid themselves about men being in love with them. If you have gone with this man for two years and he has never mentioned marriage, he has no intention whatever of marrying you, either now or ever. He is merely amusing himself with you and indulging in a flirtation to pass the time away.

Hence your efforts to bring him to the proposing point are in vain. He shies at the altar and no arts and wiles of yours can ever drag him there. If he really cared for you, he wouldn't hide his secret in his heart. He would tell you about it loudly and often and impress the extent of his devotion on you. Also, he would not only ask you to marry him, he would urge, beseech, entreat, implore you to do so.

In my opinion the man doesn't care a rap for you. So my advice to you is to break off with him. And quick. You have already given him too much of your time.

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WHITNEY'S

Glenlyon Pupils  
Present Concert

Students of Glenlyon Preparatory School gave their annual Christmas entertainment Wednesday afternoon before an audience which packed St. Mary's Hall, Oak Bay, to the doors.

The program opened with the singing of carols under the direction of Thomas Jenkins, music master, and solo parts were taken by Hunter, Sparks, Coyle and Ernst.

In "The Birthday Party" by Form II children appeared in fancy dress and sang appropriate nursery rhymes, leading parts being taken by Straith, Nelson and Knox. Various short-skits included "Doctor," played by Roy Young, Thacker, and Simpson.

"Lengthening Shadows," in which leading parts were taken by Witter, Prendergast and Molson; "Betrayed," by Challoner, and McCarter, and "Maiden in Distress" featuring Hospeis, Johnson, McLean and Ernst.

Also on the program were several recitations by Davidson, Abel, McGoldrick, Nelson, Molson, Prendergast and Coyle. Songs given by Hunter were "The Road to the Isles" and "Roamin' in the Gloamin'" and the Irish Jig was danced by Simpson.

Feature of the afternoon was a scene from Robin Hood given by Form V, in which Mason was outstanding, and excellent performances given by Sherratt, Sherratt, and Sherratt.

## Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Campbell, 1323 Clover Avenue, wish to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Barbara Louise, to Robert Compton, son of Mrs. Maisie Webber and the late Mr. E. Webber, Ioco, B.C. The wedding will take place quietly Dec. 27, 1947.

## Clubwomen's News

Films Shown — Through the kindness of Mrs. Ross Palmer of Victoria, the W.A. to Sooke branch, Canadian Legion, was able recently to show a program of moving pictures. The projector was operated by Mr. C. W. West of Victoria and the films included a travologue of South America, the story of Lili Marlene and several comedies and sing-songs.

Yulette Gathering—Ladies of the Order of the Royal Purple, held a Christmas party for members in the Community Hall, Tuesday evening, Lake Cowichan, B.C. Elks Lodge No. 293, will entertain their children at a huge party in the hall on Saturday afternoon.

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**Many Parts Of U.S.  
Short Of Fuel Oil**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The public, the government and the petroleum industry today were asked to join forces in a voluntary program to "stretch out" the critically short supplies of fuel oil in many parts of the United States.

A Senate commerce subcommittee Thursday received a report from a special industry committee recommending that householders cut their fuel consumption by 15 per cent. Curtailment of "unnecessary driving" also was urged.

A separate report released by a Senate small business subcommittee also called for public conservation measures, but it sounded a different note in saying that:

"The continued concentration of control of the oil industry from reserves in the ground down through to the tank wagon or filling station sale to the consumer, in the hands of a few integrated companies presents a real challenge to American ideas of free enterprise and the prevention of small business."

The industry committee estimated there is a fuel oil deficit of 15 per cent in the New England and North Atlantic seaboard states and a 10 per cent deficit in the midwest, southwest, Gulf and southeastern states.

HASTINGS—Out-of-season crocuses and snowdrops bloomed here in November.

**Today's Crossword Puzzle**

**HORIZONTAL**

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(Answer to previous puzzle)



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## Forced Labor Used By Soviet In Uranium Mines Of South Saxony

BERLIN (AP)—The biggest booming industrial enterprises in the Soviet occupation zone of Germany today are the uranium mines in southern Saxony. Returned miners say the Russians are working them with a labor force now estimated to number

nearly 100,000 German men and women.

It is an expanding enterprise which is worked largely with conscripted labor—and with almost feverish haste, as the Russians extract from pitchblende the uranium they require for atomic research.

### ALLIED MEN BARRED

Penetration into the uranium fields, in the Erzgebirge (ore mountains) near the Saxony-Czechoslovakia frontier, is forbidden to personnel of the Western Allied countries.

But recently some expanded accounts of Russian operations there have been brought out of the "forbidden area" by German miners who deserted their jobs and fled westward. These accounts were published by Die Welt, the official German newspaper of the British Military Government.

They indicate that in the last two years the Russians have almost totally transformed the economy of a region once devoted to resort and manufacturing enterprises to an all-engrossing job of digging for uranium, even in mine shafts long deserted as played out or uneconomical.

Die Welt said the Russians were conducting the uranium enterprise through a Soviet company named "Vitriol," which "despite denials, is known to be continuing the use of forced labor—labor sometimes compelled under threat that food ration cards will be withheld from the families of recalcitrant men."

Wages were called relatively good and the Russians are distributing special bonuses in foods, fats and tobaccos.

"However," the newspaper added, "there is a catch in these premiums. Whoever becomes ill immediately loses all special grants and is reduced to the normal ration. There is no excuse for sickness, exhaustion or age."

"There are many accidents in the mines because safety precautions are lacking," the newspaper reported.

### 96 LOST LIVES

(The Neue Zeitung, official German newspaper of the American Military Government, reported recently that 96 German workers were killed in an accident in one of the uranium mine shafts and attributed the accident to lack of safety devices. The Russian authorities never publicly disputed this report.)

"Despite lack of precautions," Die Welt continued, "the work is pressed with feverish haste and mostly with insufficient tools and machinery, especially in the small mines and test tunnels. Sometimes miners have to work knee-deep in half-flooded tunnels."

The uranium belt, wide across the Erzgebirge, once centred around Aue, Schneeberg and Schwarzenberg near the Czechoslovakian frontier. It has spread northward and eastward to the regions of Freiberg and Freital.

### B.C. Salmon Canners Hit By Trade Pacts

OTTAWA (CP)—Two members of the Senate trade relations committee said Thursday that British Columbia's salmon-canning industry had been put at a "disadvantage" by terms of the Geneva trade agreement.

Senator Neil McLean, Lib., New Brunswick, and Senator S. S. McKeon, Lib., British Columbia, made this submission at the committee's third hearing for study of the subject matter of the Geneva pact. At the end of today's session, the committee adjourned until after Parliament's Christmas recess.

Senator McLean said the agreement bound the duty on Canadian canned salmon entering the United States, but reduced by 50 per cent the duty on raw salmon. In addition, Canadian salmon preferences in Australia and New Zealand had been cut by 30 per cent, thereby opening up new markets for Russia and Japan as well as for the U.S.

### Roosevelt Trees At Reasonable Prices

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. (AP)—Elliott Roosevelt, engaged in selling Christmas trees which his father planted on his Hyde Park estate as seedlings while President, began a campaign Thursday to "make Christians out of Christmas tree dealers."

At his own retail lot here, he said he would sell trees three feet to 15 feet in height for \$1 each.

The late President's son, now occupied with his mother in farming part of the old Roosevelt estate, said he had reached that decision after a trip to New York, where, he said, dealers were selling 15-foot trees for as much as \$35 each. Roosevelt's wholesale price is 65 cents a tree in 100 lots.

## Rotary Auction Brings \$3,300

The Rotary Radio Auction, held Thursday, Dec. 11, netted close to \$3,300. It was announced by Jeffrey Arnott, president of the Victoria Rotary Club, at the weekly meeting of the club yes-

terday in the Empress Hotel. Previously, it had been announced that the auction had netted \$2,700.

Proceeds of the auction will go to the Royal Jubilee Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital and the Rotary Club's Charity Fund.

IPSWICH—The town hall clock underwent its first overhaul since being installed 80 years ago.

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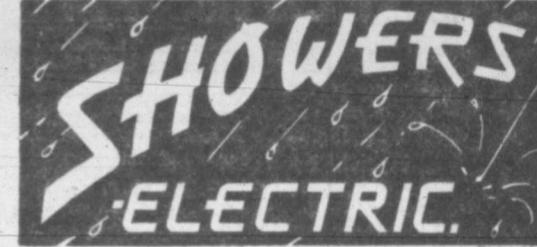
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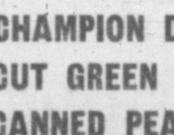


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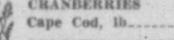
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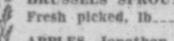


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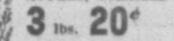
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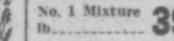


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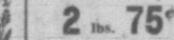
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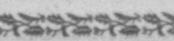


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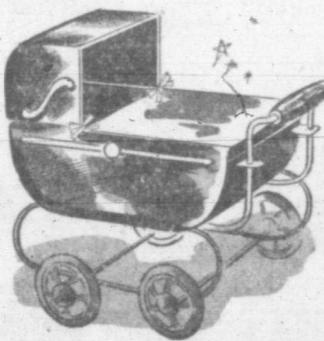
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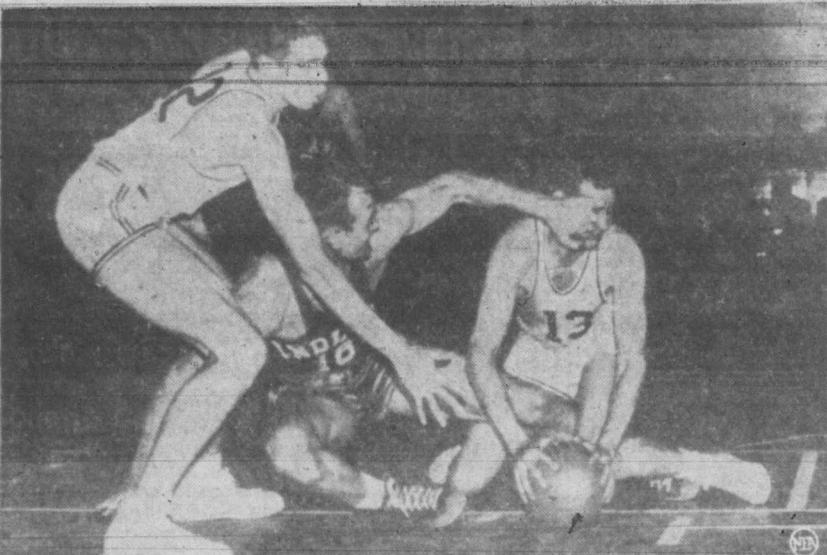
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## College Basketball Play Gets Rugged



Tom Schwartz, Indiana University (centre, dark uniform) lands an unintentional left jab to the face of Lloyd Krone (right) of Kansas State College after making futile grab for the ball during game at Kansas City. Ward Clark (left) centre for Kansas, mouths his disapproval of the melee. Indiana, seven-point pregame favorite, was upset 61 to 53.

## Norm Baker Leads Hornets To Cage Win Over Portland

The hard-checking Tacoma Mountaineers, winning their fourth straight Pacific Coast pro cage victory to move into a second place tie with Seattle, looked ahead today to a Saturday fracas with the leading Vancouver Hornets.

Primarily comprised of players from Alpine Dairy's erstwhile perennial northwest amateur titlists, the Mountaineers not only slapped a 61 to 46 defeat last night on the high-scoring Astoria Royal Chinooks but also held to a mere six points Astoria's centre Ken Hayes who posted a season's high 32 the night before.

While the victory, plus Seattle's 82 to 61 loss to Bellingham, lifted the Tacomans into a second place deadlock, it failed to cut into the lead of the Canadian entry, Vancouver toppling Portland's cellar Indians 66 to 55.

Norm Baker, the automatic taller from Vancouver, took the night's high point honors with 28 points; Noble Jorgenson and Gale Bishop led Portland and

Teams and scores follow:  
Portland—Smith 16, Bees 5, Jorgenson 12, Tait 10, Kroll 9, Sunderland 5, Plummer 5, Blaauw 5, Teyens 5, Vancouver—Baker 19, Ward 13, Chapman 3, Haus 7, Nicol 3, Peden 10, Chapman 5, Astoria—Wirkkuna 6, Anderson 5, Hayes 6, Warren 9, Smith 10, Macruder 4, Howes 5, Tacoma—Katica 10, Endress 7, Graf 5, Tait 5, B. Voecker 9, Sigurdson 5, Bellingham—Watz 13, Maul 20, Bishop 25, Akins 12, Dorr 1, Gaffney 2, Chamberlain 12, Baker 10, Gaffney 10, Watson 6, Lester 10, Brightman 12, Koltman 12, Watson 6, Olavin 2, White 3.

### Billy Herman Ends Baseball Activities

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Billy Herman, well-known major league second baseman and manager last season of Pittsburgh Pirates of the National League, Thursday announced his retirement from baseball.

Herman, 37, said he had accepted an executive position with a Louisville paint company in which he had invested some money.

Herman was released by Pittsburgh at the end of last season, his first year, as a pilot, when the team finished in last place.

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## Oak Bay, King Edward Set For Rugby Final

Featured by the second and final game of the total-point series for the British Columbia High School rugby championship between Oak Bay High and King Edward High of Vancouver a smart double bill has been lined up for rugby followers at Macdonald Park tomorrow afternoon.

In the other first-class encounter Coach Campbell Forbes will pit his Rep probables against the Rest in their final test match before the McKeehan Cup tussle with Vancouver Lions here Boxing Day. The trial match will start at 2, with the High School final billed for the upper field at 2.30.

Hugh Farquhar's crack young squad from Oak Bay will face a seven-point deficit when they take the field for the title go, having lost to the mainlanders in Vancouver last week by a 12 to 5 count.

According to reports of last week's tussle, the Vancouver squad outweighs the locals by approximately five pounds per man, but Oak Bay is blessed with the speedier three-quarter line. A hard dry field would be to the liking of the Oak Bay team. King Edward is the same squad which defeated Oak Bay in last year's classic by the margin of three points in the two-game series.

### LEADING PLAYERS

Some of the boys to watch on the Oak Bay fifteen for those not acquainted with the High School League are Bob Hutchinson, John Foote and Gerry Main of the three-quarter line, Ken Higgs and Doug West, other members of the three line, are smart ball handlers and deadly tacklers. Dave Ferne will play fullback with Johnny Johnson at scrum half.

Forwards slated to start for the locals are Pete Evans, Phil Matson, Stuart Kenning, John Olson, place-kicking specialist, Rod Fraser, Jeremy Dick and Rae MacDonald. Spares are Dick Ayland and Denny Wells.

Reps—McKeachie, J. Ranson, Chapman, H. Olson, Gower, Budd, D'Easum, Price, Tait, Tait, Tait, Williams, Turner, Dunlop, Dakers, Down.

Rest—Brynjones, Pinckard, Henderson, Ranson, R. Ross, Skilling, Walker, Price, Tait, Tait, Tait, Williams, Van Duren, Stevens, Murray, Holland, Jukes, Harrison, Robinson and Crockett.

### Juvenile Soccer

Juvenile soccer games scheduled for the weekend follow:

#### TOMORROW

Division 2—Quarter Cab vs. Vets of France, Beacon Hill; Jubilee Pharmacy vs. Esquimalt, Windsor Park.

Division 3—Pacific Meat Company vs. Grenex Service Station, Victoria High School.

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## Five B.C. Nominations For 1948 King's Plate

TORONTO (CP) — Sixty-two Canadian-bred three-year-olds, largest number in years, have been nominated for the 89th renewal of the historic King's Plate at Woodbine race track in Toronto next May, the Ontario Jockey Club announced Wednesday. The nominees represent 53 owners who paid \$15 nomination fee by the Monday, Dec. 1, deadline.

Col. R. S. McLaughlin's Parkwood Stables at Oshawa, Ont., have nominated four entries—two of them sired by Teddy Wrack, whose Moldy won a surprise victory in the 1947 plate for the McLaughlin colors. C. George McCullagh also had

four nominations, one being the black colt Banner Worth whose sire, Archworth, won the classic in 1939.

James Fair of Cainsville, Ont., named three sons of Koenigsmark II, one of which Last Mark — won the \$5,000 added Coronation Stakes at Woodbine last fall. Two other top two-year-old performers of the 1947 racing season were nominated—Ohsdry, owned by Dr. L. H. Appleby of Vancouver, winner of the \$5,000 added Orpen Cup and Saucer at the Long Branch meeting; and Joey Bomber, owned by W. J. Fewster of Toronto, winner of the Clarendon Plate feature at Thorncliffe Park.

The plate, run during the spring meeting of the Ontario Jockey Club, is the oldest continuously-run racing fixture on the North American continent. At stake are 50 guineas, gift of the King, and not less than \$10,000 added by the club. It is open to Canadian-bred three-year-olds, owned by British subjects resident in Canada.

### THREE VANCOUVER NOMINATIONS

Most of the owners are from Ontario, but eight are from western Canada and three from Quebec. Four of the westerners are from Vancouver, three from Winnipeg and one from Cloverdale, B.C. The Winnipeg lists include a nomination from the Whittier Park Stock Farm owned by James Speers, prominent Winnipeg horseman and track owner.

Western nominations follow: Cosmo, A.C.T. Stock Farm, Vancouver; Antoninus, Albertson Brothers, Winnipeg; Ohsdry, Dr. L. H. Appleby, Vancouver; Slipstitch, Barron-Deane Stables, Vancouver; Misty Waters, D. J. Kelly, Winnipeg; Red Bootie, E. V. Delery Orr, Vancouver; Lord Onslaught, Mrs. Winnifred Ross, Cloverdale, B.C.; Lord Fairmount, Whittier Park Stock Farm, Winnipeg.

### Racing Commission's Authority Challenged

PORLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Oregon Racing Commission adjourned its year-end session Wednesday without setting dates for dog, horse and trotting events for next year when an attorney for the Multnomah Kennel Club challenged the authority of the commission to allocate specific dates for racing.

Commission chairman H. W. Collins had announced the commission believed Oregon's 132 days of legal racing in 1947 were excessive and suggested a 10 per cent voluntary reduction by all racing groups as a means of adjusting the situation.

The Multnomah Kennel Club had asked a 60-day meet, Portland Meadows' 40-day-night permit and 18 for harness racing in addition to six for the state fair and six for the Oregon Thoroughbred Breeders' Association. Dates for the three major group applications overlapped.

### Dickey Resigns As Little Rock Pilot

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Bill Dickey Thursday announced his resignation as manager of the Little Rock Travelers of the Southern Association after a one-season tenure.

Dickey piloted the Travelers during the 1947 season. The club finished eighth. The former New York Yankee catcher, whose home is in Little Rock, said he had no plans for next season.

### UPLANDS GOLF

The final turkey competitions of the year at the Uplands Golf Club will be held tomorrow and Sunday. Members may register and get their cards from the starter.

### Racetrack Betting Takes \$158,946,660 Slump In U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — The growing tendency of the United States citizen to tighten the grip on his purse strings was reflected today in figures from the country's race tracks which showed that more people went out to watch the horses run this year but wagered \$158,946,660 less money than in 1946.

Reports from 21 states revealed that 25,704,853 paid admissions during 1947 shelled out \$1,671,340,795 attempting to pick the winners.

At first glance these are astronomical figures indeed. However, they lose much of their impact when measured by last year's batch which showed 24,859,505 poured a resounding total of \$1,830,287,455 through mutuel windows.

The 1947 survey was based on the same number of racing days as that of last year—2,433.

### Spokane Ball Team Split Up By Dodgers

SPOKANE (AP) — The 1947 Spokane Indians baseball team, recently sold by Sam Collins to Buddy Ryan and J. Lamar Butler has been dissolved completely by the Brooklyn Dodgers, which held a working agreement with the club.

The transfer of the entire squad to other teams, Collins said, indicates "the Brooklyn contract has been canceled or is about to be."

Ryan and Butler have not announced whether the team's agreement with Brooklyn would be renewed.

Collins said the transfer of Spokane players from the Western International League to other clubs "means nothing at this time" as "they probably will be shifted two or three times before the next playing season begins."

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Tommy Burns and Laurie Kerr of Colwood Club will meet Danny McLean and Stan Nixon of Uplands in the initial match. Matches will be four ball best ball with no entrance fee.

Matches will take place every two weeks, weather permitting and will be at the club of the button holders. Any two eligible players of the same club may place a challenge through J. B. Beveridge, Uplands Club secretary.

In the senior button match this week Colin Rutherford and Alan Taylor of Victoria Club, present holders, will play Eric Hibberdson and Ken Lea of Uplands at Oak Bay at 12:30.

### New Westminster Out Of Hockey Cellar

For the first time this season the New Westminster Royals have their heads above the cellar in the northern division of the Pacific Coast Ice Hockey League.

The Canadian club triumphed, 4 to 2, over the Portland Eagles last night and shoved the Eagles—last year's champions—to the bottom.

The Eagles matched goals with the Royals until the count stood 2-all, and then Ray Voll took a pass from Willy Schmidt and shot home the winning score. Benny Hayes' added the safety margin in the third period.

San Francisco's Shamrocks increased their lead in the southern division by defeating last-place San Diego, 4 to 2.



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## Americans Crowd Hotel Here For Christmas Gaiety

Most of the Empress Hotel guests witnessing the 20th annual Yule Log and Boar's Head ceremony on Christmas Day will be Americans, according to J. K. Hodges, manager of the hotel.

Mr. Hodges reported heavy bookings for Christmas and New Year's and for the winter months. Many U.S. citizens are among the bookers and Canadians from the prairies and eastern Canada are also keeping the hotel busy during the winter months.

The Americans who are visiting the hotel Christmas Day, will be treated to the sight of one of the most colorful pageants seen at any season in this city.

A procession of people, clad in Elizabethan period costumes, will parade with the Yule log through the rotunda to the main fireplace and at the conclusion of the proclamation the log will be ignited. Carols, sung by guests and by members of the procession will accompany the ceremony and trumpets resound throughout the hotel rotunda.

Next event will be the Boar's Head procession. A boar's head on a huge platter will be borne through the three main dining-rooms of the hotel by the gaily-clad performers. They will pass through the main dining-room, the Tudor Grill and the tea-room.

After the dinner the Christmas Day celebrations will be brought to a close by the Grand Ball.

Special tables will be set up for each of the association's 17 separate program groups. The gymnasium will be decorated by members of the Flying "Y" swimming club.

Program includes turkey dinner, Christmas carols led by George Gordon with Charles Hunt at the piano, selections by the radio team of Bob McGill and Fred Usher, the tumbling exhibition, and a Christmas message by Dean Spencer Elliott.

President E. G. Rowebottom of the Y.M.C.A. board of directors will act as chairman.

In place of the annual New Year's Day open house at the Y.M.C.A. this year, the association will hold an open house week from Jan. 18 to 24, general secretary Arnold Ramer announced.

Carlson, arrested by B.C. Police officers, pleaded guilty.

Arthur Henused pleaded guilty in city police court today to a charge of dangerous driving and was fined \$35 by Magistrate L. C. Hall. The vehicle he was driving was in collision with another car at Herald and Douglas Streets this week. His driver's license was suspended for one month.

Attorney-General and Labor Minister Gordon S. Wismer left Victoria today for Ottawa, to discuss problems of the Attorney-General's department with federal government officials.

In Ottawa Mr. Wismer will discuss with Justice Minister J. L. Ilsley proposals for a system of indeterminate sentences for youths committed to the New Haven Borstal-type institution re-established last month.

Salacious literature is also scheduled to be discussed by Mr. Wismer while in the east. Also scheduled to visit Toronto and Montreal, Mr. Wismer expects to return to Victoria in January.

Problems of traffic in narcotics are also on the Attorney-General's agenda, and he hopes to attend a meeting of the Canadian Educational Council on proposals to form a general council in Canada to work through the Unesco toward reconstruction of schools and the education system in devastated countries of Europe.

**Mayor Supports  
McKinnon For Coach**

May

Percy George today wired Harold Daly, president of the C.A.S.A., strongly supporting requests that Archie McKinnon be given consideration when the coach for Canada's Olympic swimming team is being appointed.

In his telegram the mayor pointed out Mr. McKinnon is swimming coach of the Victoria Y.M.C.A., and continued "You must be familiar with McKinnon's record, not only as a great swimming coach, but in all branches of track and field. Hope you will be able to support a recommendation for McKinnon's appointment."

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**News of the Island****Storms, Snow, Rain At Mesachie  
Shut Down Logging 2 Days Early**

MESACHIE LAKE—A second storm hit the Mesachie Lake area this week. Wednesday evening torrential rains and high winds changed and by 8 in the evening snow was falling.

By early morning, Thursday the snow was two inches of slush on the lower areas. Loggers could not go out to the woods Thursday morning. There were 15 inches of snow, and two culverts had given way, isolating machines. Loggers were put to work repairing a culvert which had given way on Wednesday.

Robertson River was two inches from flooding the South Shore Road between Honeymoon Bay and Mesachie Lake. South Shore Road is a mass of pot-holes.

**Wears Father's Medal**

—R.C.A.F. Photo.

**Oak Bay Kiwanians  
Stage Prize Draw**

More than 30 prizes were distributed among members of the Oak Bay Kiwanis Club during a Christmas draw at their meeting Thursday night in Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

Prize-winners included: Bill Boorman, Ed Claryards, C. C. Annett, Dr. Harold Gill, Cy Bernard, Reg Hayward, Art Partridge, H. Alder, Dr. C. Usher, Dr. Roy Johnson, Hugh Reston, Tom McMartin, Des Grubb, J. Maltman, Cliff Cottison, C. Whitaker, G. Sutton, Ken Davie, Bill Scott, W. Angus, Tom Clarke, Dr. J. L. Magrath, Art Peers, Dr. P. M.

Wolfe, M. Kersey, T. Spittal, E. F. Barnes and Dave Nicoll. Club President Charles Mann was chairman.

**Says No Extension  
Of E. & N. Rails**

Denial that there will be an early extension of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway from Courtenay to Duncan Bay, has been issued by J. A. Kennedy, E. and N. superintendent.

He believed the rumor of the extension started up-island and stated there is nothing in it.

Duncan Bay is the proposed site of a new pulp mill but rail communication and even road communication is not essential to a pulp town, he said, using Powell

River as an example where there are neither roads nor rails.

With competition of buses and trucks, one has to have something pretty good before laying out the money it takes to build a railroad, he said.

W. J. Leigh, traveling supervisor for the Unemployment Insurance Commission, is in Victoria today, on a routine visit from regional office at Vancouver.

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Sea Cadets Holding  
Dance At Rainbow

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The dance, which will be attended by most of the 120 members on strength and their friends, will start at 8. There will be additional entertainment and refreshments.

**Gets Improved  
Mail Service**

MESACHIE LAKE—Improved mail service went into effect here today, following notification from postal headquarters that starting today, mail distributed from the central point at Duncan, would arrive on the 1.30 Vancouver Island Coach Lines bus.

Robert Berry, postmaster at Mesachie Lake, requested the improved service.

Outgoing mail will leave here on the 2.15 afternoon bus. Since this community was established four years ago, Hillcrest Lumber Co. Ltd. has brought the mail from Duncan, each morning arriving here at 9. The company took outgoing mail at 5 in the evening. This meant that incoming mail was that which had arrived in Duncan the previous day and mail for Vancouver and mainland points did not leave Duncan until the following morning after it had left Mesachie.

At present, mail from Honey Moon Bay and all points here and Lake Cowichan, must still go to

**Teachers Protest Effort To  
Lower Maximum Salary By \$200**

Teachers of the Greater Victoria School district are considering a counter-offer made by the school board which would call for a reduction of \$200 a year in the maximum salaries, spokesmen for the teachers said today.

At the same time the school board agreed to voluntary arbitration of the dispute over salary schedules and the granting of recognition for teaching experience within the province but outside Victoria.

In their statement, the teachers stress that while the Greater Victoria Board allows half experience up to a maximum of seven years, in other districts in the province full experience is allowed.

In their statement, replying to Arnold Edmonds, who yesterday stated the board's stand, the teachers said, "The Salary schedule effected in January, 1947, was based on figures drawn up in June, 1946. Some 50 teachers on maximum at that time received either no increase at all or an increase of approximately \$50 per year. The \$110,000 addition to teachers' salaries was used to equalize salaries in the new amalgamated Greater Victoria district."

Negotiations with the school board broke down when the board, more than a month ago, refused all requests for salary adjustments, and the teachers were forced to ask for voluntary arbitration the association said.

At a meeting Tuesday night the executive was instructed to proceed to compulsory arbitration if voluntary arbitration was refused.

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—By G. L. McLean, Times Staff Writer

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Archives Receives  
Canadian Watercolors

The provincial archives has received through the courtesy of Mrs. R. P. Rithet of Victoria three watercolors depicting scenes of the Canadian Rockies, the work of T. Mower Martin, who came to Canada from London in 1862.

Mr. Martin became the president of the first organization of artists in Toronto and founded the Ontario School of Art in 1877. He founded the Royal Canadian Academy in 1880 and was named a charter member of the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise. He died in Canada in 1934.

The provincial archives is most fortunate in thus receiving representative works by this Canadian artist," said W. E. Ireland, provincial librarian and archivist.

Mr. Martin was best known for his landscapes. Seventy-seven of his Canadian scenes have been reproduced in color with an accompanying text written by Dr. Wilfred Campbell.

**Grand Old Man Of Literature, Scott Dies In Ottawa At 86**

OTTAWA (CP) — Duncan Campbell Scott, grand old man of Canadian literature, died at his home here today. He was 86 years of age.

One of the few Canadians ever to receive international recognition in the field of literature, Dr. Scott generally was regarded as the uncrowned poet laureate of Canada. He was actively engaged in writing almost up to the time of his death. His last book, "The Circle of Affection," was published only last spring.

The son of a Methodist minister, he was lifelong resident of Ottawa. He entered the Dominion civil service in 1879 and was deputy superintendent-general of the Department of Indian Affairs from 1913 till his retirement in 1932.

He was perhaps best known for his verses about nature, and short stories of French Canada.

Dr. Scott was one of the founders of the Little Theatre in Ottawa. He was a member of the Royal Society of Canada, president of the Canadian Authors' Association, a fellow of the Royal Society of Great Britain, and a life member of the National Book League of Great Britain.

In 1922 an honorary doctorate of letters was conferred on him by the University of Toronto, and in 1934 he was created a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

In 1931, after the death of his first wife, he married Elsie Aylen of Ottawa, who survives him. Mrs. Scott also has won acclaim for her poetry, and her works have appeared in Canadian anthologies besides those of her husband.

Dr. Scott's death removes the last of the four men whose names are best known in connection with the development shortly

Approximately 300 loggers from up-island logging camps who will reach Vancouver this evening to begin their Christmas festivities are an advance party of the huge swarms of holiday-makers expected to travel on the B.C. coast during the Yuletide season.

The loggers were picked up today by the C.P.R.'s B.C. Coast Service vessel Princess Adelaide at Inglewood on the east coast of Vancouver Island. They have chosen the large mainland metropolis as the place they can most likely enjoy Christmas.

Elsewhere travel is on the increase and R. J. Burland, C.P.R. district passenger agent here, reports Christmas travel will be exceptionally heavy. Advance reservations have been numerous and some were made as much as two or three months ahead of time.

To meet this increase, both the B.C.C.S. and Trans-Canada Airlines are providing additional service and have already reported the number of additional flights and sailings.

**Margaret Sifton Dies**

TORONTO (CP) — Margaret June Sifton, 22-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sifton of Toronto, died in Montreal Wednesday of a cerebral hemorrhage. An art student at the Montreal Art Gallery and a member of a well-known Canadian newspaper family, she suffered a seizure Tuesday night. The funeral will be held in Toronto Saturday.

**Victorian Speaker  
Of Boys' Parliament**

More than 40 young men from all parts of the province are expected to gather in Vancouver on Dec. 27 for the opening of the 17th session of the Older Boys' "Parliament" of British Columbia. The session has been called by a proclamation issued by Dr. N. A. M. MacKenzie, president of the University of British Columbia, who is "Lieutenant-Governor."

The "parliament" will sit for four days during which time the

members will discuss and plan the work of B.C. youth for the coming year.

Ray Woolam, "attorney-general" at the 16th session of the "parliament," which met in Victoria last December in the Provincial Normal School, is to be this year's "premier." Oliver Howard will again be government critic, a position equal to leader of the opposition in the Provincial Legislative Assembly.

Grant Bracewell of the Metropolitan Church, Victoria, is to be "speaker" of the house. Last year, he was deputy-speaker.

Only other Victorian known to be attending the session is Jack Houston.

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Express • Phone E Empire 8051**State Medical Plan In Britain To Pay Doctors £300 A Year**

LONDON (AP)—The Health Ministry said Thursday night that physicians who participate in Great Britain's socialized medical program will receive a fixed annual payment of £300 (\$1,200) from the government.

The state medical service, under present plans, will become effective in 1948 when the government will assume ownership of most of the hospitals and medical agencies of England, Scotland and Wales.

Doctors will be free to engage in part-time private practice, for which they will charge their individual fees, and to use hospitals and other state medical agencies for their private cases.

Patients who avail themselves of state medical services will pay no fees. Physicians will be free to decline to participate in the socialization program.

The socialization plan has been opposed by a large faction of the British Medical Association, the association's council contending that under socialization a doctor will be obliged to divide his loyalties between patient and state.

A £40,000,000 operating fund will be set up for the scheme.

**Wartime Service Rounded Education Of Prince Of Wales**

NEW YORK (AP)—The Duke of Windsor, describing his life as Prince of Wales in the First World War, says his education was completed in the war by "living under all kinds of conditions with all sorts of men."

In the last of a series of autobiographical articles published in Life magazine, the Duke wrote:

"As Prince of Wales and next in line of succession to the throne, I was to discover that my trophy value exceeded my military usefulness.

"I have no desire to emphasize my obscure and no doubt superfluous role in a great war, yet in a manner of speaking my education was completed in war, if not exactly as my tutors intended. It was completed not by book or theory but through the experience of living under all kinds of conditions with all sorts of men."

During his service on all fronts his repeated efforts to become a combat officer were frustrated by the army command, he said. Nevertheless, he had typical soldiering experience under enemy shellfire, was shelled by his own artillery "and, needless to say, I got my first lesson in crap-shooting from the Americans."

**GAP IN VIEWPOINTS**

As a result of his war experience, there grew between his father, King George V, and himself a "divergence of our viewpoints."

"To the end we were the best of friends. This gulf therefore was not of the heart but of generations."

With the aid of Lloyd George, then Prime Minister, the Duke said he came to view his purpose as follows:

"Firstly, I should try to bring the monarchy nearer to the people of Britain who, though emotionally loyal to the monarchial tradition, had become less inclined than in the past to take it all for granted.

"Secondly, I should travel around the world, reviving or selling the idea of empire to the wavering within the British Dominions and colonies while meanwhile fostering good relations with foreign countries."

**Rail Barge Sunk**

VANCOUVER (CP)—The British steamship *Parthenia* rammed into the Great Northern Dock, sinking a rail barge, twisting the dock apron and knocking out a dolphin, at the peak of a southeast gale Thursday which disrupted wire communications between Vancouver and eastern Canada for two hours.

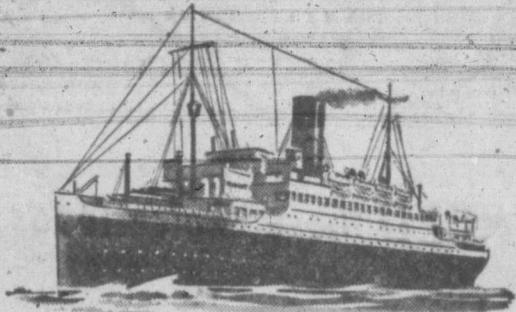
Three inches of rain fell in 48 hours, blasted by winds averaging 25 miles an hour and reaching as high as 45. The lower mainland and some Vancouver Island points were left in battered and soggy condition.

A 90-foot rail barge owned by F. M. Yorke and Son, moored at the end of Great Northern dock, was sunk to her deck by impact of the *Parthenia*. It is believed the *Parthenia*, inbound, was thrown off her course by the high wind.

CBC network communications were broken near North Bend by a falling tree.

**Indian Play To Be Performed In Victoria**

Members of the Junior Players rehearsing an Indian play—"The Okanagan Nativity"—which will be performed for the first time in Victoria at Spencer's auditorium Saturday afternoon. The play written by Anthony Walsh, is a simple dramatization of the story of the birth of Christ. The players are mostly between the ages of 10 and 12 years.



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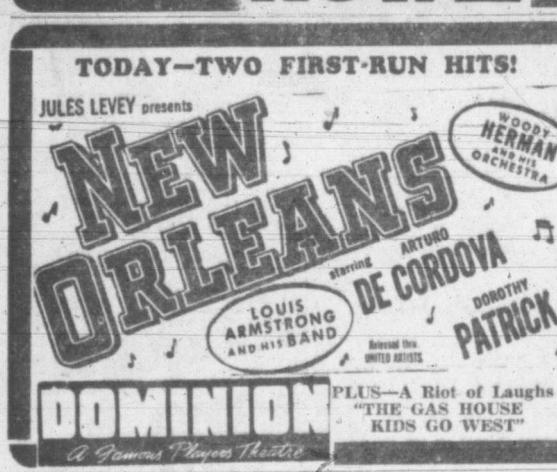
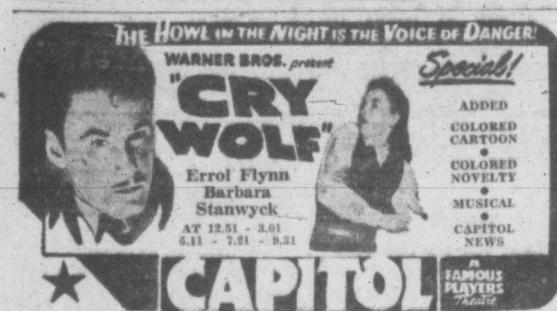
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## Actor Tells Of Birth Of Blues

Soft and mellow Billy Holiday began to sing when she was 15, one year after she moved from her native Baltimore to New York. A few years later she was already being featured by Count Basie and Artie Shaw, and by 1940 Billie had graduated to solo spots throughout the country.

Today Billie is helping, in her own inimitable fashion, to tell the story of the birth of the blues and the struggle of those who created them in Jules Levy's epic of jazz, "New Orleans," which is playing now at the Dominion Theatre through United Artists release.

As Endie, lady's maid to Dorothy Patrick, young hopeful concert singer in the film, Billie introduces her mistress to the fascinating rhythms of authentic New Orleans jazz in its salad days as performed by Louis Armstrong and his original Crescent City jazz men who were rounded up from all over the country for the film.

Arturo de Cordova plays the male lead and Irene Rich, Marjorie Lord, John Alexander and Richard Hageman are featured. The music is handled by Armstrong, Meade "Lux" Lewis and Woody Herman and his band.

Mickey Rooney  
In M-G-M Reprint

Mickey Rooney, who plays one of his greatest roles with Spencer Tracy and Lionel Barrymore in "Captains Courageous," now brought back to the Atlas screen in an M.G.M. reprint of the Academy Award winning picture, literally crawled into the spotlight before he was a year old.

His parents, Joe Yule and Nell Brown, were vaudeville players and were in the midst of their act at the time. Escaping the watchful eyes of stage hands, Mickey made his debut on his hands and knees, flashed a big baby grin over the footlights—then sneezed! The audience howled with glee.

Molds Ashtrays  
As A Hobby

One of the most artistic hobbies in Hollywood is claimed by Gene Autry, who already is famous for his artistry of voice and acting. With only his versatile fingers, Autry molds cigarette ashtrays in the form of a cowboy hat, with upturned brim, from clay. Firing the clay in a little gas oven he has designed turns the ashtrays into a beautiful brownish red, and they are much in demand by Gene's friends as useful and artistic souvenirs.

Republic's re-release of Autry's starring western picture, "Melody Trail," is now showing at the Rio Theatre, with Smiley Burnette, Ann Rutherford, Wade Boteler, Al Bridge, Willy Castello and Buck, the famous dog of "Call of the Wild."

Monthly winners were as follows: Ghost Town Terminus by C. P. V. Forrest; 7:15 a.m. (P.S.T.), H. Tyack; Blowing Up, James A. McVie; Clearing the Land, J. K. Hodges; Stories, Betty Kerham.

## CAPITOL THEATRE

If it were that opportunity knocks but once, Barbara Stanwyck would not currently be co-starring opposite Errol Flynn in Warner Bros.' exciting new film drama, "Cry Wolf," now at the Capitol. Two separate opportunities fell through before the actress, on a third chance, won her first screen assignment in a picture entitled "The Locked Door."

Setting for this rugged story is in the mountain country near Monterey in California. The Saul family is dominated by hate and suspicion. The mother feigns illness and stays in her room, the father vents his hate out on the struggling farm, and the daughter Libby (Miss Lupino) has a stammer in her speech brought on by living in such a strained atmosphere.

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## Where To Go Tonight

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ATLAS — Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney in "Captains Courageous."

CAPITOL — Errol Flynn in "Cry Wolf."

DOMINION — New Orleans, starring Dorothy Patrick and Arturo de Cordova.

PLAZA — "Hue and Cry" with Alastair Sim.

RIO — Gene Autry, in "Melody Trail."

ROYAL — Wayne Morris in "Deep Valley."

YORK — "George White's Scandals," starring Joan Davis and Jack Haley.

Mail Orders Start  
Jan. 2 For Licenses  
For Cars, Trucks

The motor vehicles office of the B.C. government on Jan. 2 will begin filling mail orders for 1948 auto license plates, it was reported today.

Offices will open in major communities throughout the province Feb. 1 to issue the plates directly to motor car owners.

For the first time since wartime shortages necessitated the issue of but one plate per vehicle, motor cars and trucks throughout the province in 1948 will carry plates at the front and rear.

The plates, made in provincial jails, for the forthcoming issue are the reverse of the current plates. They are white letters on a Mediterranean green background. All motor vehicles operating on B.C. highways must carry the new plates by March 1. To be equipped with new plates are almost 180,000 cars, trucks, motorcycles and trailers.

## NO LEVELING OFF

Sharp rises in the number of traffic accidents, injuries, deaths and property damage were noted immediately following the war, and records set in the early war years were soon broken. Traffic officers have long been hoping for a leveling off of this upsurge but latest statistics seem to indicate that instead of leveling off

1947 Ten-Month Traffic Deaths  
Exceed Any Previous Annual Toll

More persons have been fatally injured in traffic accidents during the first 10 months of this year than in any other year in the history of the province.

G. A. Hood, superintendent of the motor vehicle office, reported today the death toll on British Columbia's highways for October was 24—a 100 per cent increase over the statistics of October, 1946. This raised the 10-month total this year to 151.

Each month and each year British Columbia highways seem to be becoming more destructive to life, limb and property. Other statistics in the grim traffic accident picture for the 10-month period of this year, given today by Mr. Hood, are as follows:

The number of accidents total 9,478—an increase of 2,390 or 33.7 per cent over the corresponding total for 1946. The number of persons injured totaled 3,413—an increase of 348 or 11.3 per cent over the corresponding total for 1946.

The loss of property was estimated at \$1,426,031—an increase of \$433,053 or 43.6 per cent over the corresponding 1946 total.

The office reported that the number of motor vehicles, including cars, trucks and motorcycles, now licensed to operate on B.C. highways is 170,060 compared with 143,936 on Oct. 31. This represents an increase of 26,150 or 18.2 per cent.

The legend of the social snub grew out of a dinner party which Mrs. Coogan gave in Newport in celebration of her daughter's debut. She invited the leaders of the swank resort's social set, but not one guest appeared, it was said.

The story was that Mrs. Coogan then walked out of the mansion and never set foot in Newport again. In 1945, 35 years after the snub, the house was sold and torn down.

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## Leaders Continue To Stumble

NEW YORK (AP) — Efforts to get the stock market back on the recovery track were successful in part today although many leaders continued to stumble.

Prices improved in most departments around midday with fair activity. Assorted oils, rails, steels and special issues pushed upward. There were subsequent slowdowns. Gains of fractions to two points or more were well dis-

tributed near the close, but minus signs remained plentiful.

Canadian issues were irregular. McIntyre was up 3% and Distillers Seagrams added 3%. Canadian Pacific and Dome Mines both eased 1%.

Dow Jones closing averages:

30 industrials	180.08	up .64
20 rails	50.58	up .34
15 utilities	32.96	up .03
65 stocks	64.17	up .25
Total sales	1,24,000	

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**Grain**

WINNIPEG (CP) — Dealings

today on the Winnipeg Grain Ex-

change market were dull and thin

with moderate interest reported

in oats and barley futures by

processing and shippers. Light

selling was reported in the form

of hedging. Prices moved nar-

rowly throughout the entire sec-

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## Selected Issues Drift Lower

MONTREAL (CP) — Selected industrial issues drifted to lower price levels in quiet trading on the Stock Exchange and Curb Market today. Losses continued to predominate in mines.

Papers were easier and changes were fractional, with exception of B.C. Pulp, which dropped 5 points. Price went down 3¢. Donnacona and International Paper were off 3¢ each. B.C. Forest and Abitibi were shaded.

Montreal averages:

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**Retreat Led By Industrials, Mines**

TORONTO (CP) — Prices generally slipped back in moderately active trading on the Toronto

Stock Exchange today with industrials and mining stocks leading the retreat. A few western oils were actively ahead. Food's showed firming tendencies following Ottawa's announcement that the United Kingdom food contract had been negotiated.

Toronto closing index:

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Dec. 19, 1947. 9 a.m.

**Vancouver Stocks**

Vancouver averages:

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**3 Of 5 Distressed Ships In Stormy Pacific Now Safe**

HONOLULU (AP) — At least

three of five ships reported in

distress Thursday were safe or

headed for a haven today as

fresh storms brewed in the Pa-

cific.

Uncertainty centred about the

United States army tanker El

Caney and the steamship Middle-

sex Victory, the latter the latest

to report trouble.

The 10,172-ton El Caney, with

42 aboard, reported from south

of the Aleutians, where she lost

her rudder in high seas earlier

this week, that she was encounter-

ing winds of hurricane force,

70 to 75 miles an hour.

Westward, 300 miles off the

Kuriles out of Portland, the 7,-

606-ton Middlesex Victory re-

ported she had 16 cracks in deck

plates from the week of storms

and her forepeak was flooded.

Some 500 miles east of the

wallowing El Caney, the 7,176-

ton freighter Simon Benson was

proceeding toward Honolulu with

her captain reporting everything

"under control," while the 540-ton

U.S. cargo ship FX-245

reached Adak in the Aleutians

and the 425-ton Philippines Ss.

Luzon was heading to port under

order to extinguish a fire

which broke out en route from

Cebu to Manila.

**TO SERVE LEPROERS**

EARLY IN NOVEMBER, Dr. Corydon Wassell, accompanied

by his wife, went to Hooolehu Molokai, in the Hawaiian Islands, to become a medical missionary to the lepers.

He will serve for two years without pay at the little, thirty-

two bed Shingle Memorial Hospital there. And his wife, a regis-

tered nurse, will also serve as a volunteer on the hospital staff.

The 63-year-old doctor, who was retired from the U.S. Navy

in August, 1946, with the rank of rear-admiral, has been a par-

tial invalid since a serious operation, necessitated by his war

experiences.

He will not make any outside calls or do any surgery in his

new post at the hospital, which is run by the Protestant Episco-

palian diocese of Honolulu.

**TELEPHONE OPERATOR**

THEN THERE IS the 52-year-old retired telephone operator,

Margaret Haven of Chicago, who instead of taking a well-

earned rest after 35 years at a city switchboard, has also gone

to the Molokai leper colony.

She has gone there to fulfill a life-time dream of voluntarily

ministering to those unfortunate whom a loathsome disease

has set apart from their fellow humans.

She will assist the 12 Franciscan nuns who operate St.

Francis Hospital and—like Dr. and Mrs. Wassell—will work

without pay, their only reward the satisfaction that comes of

service for others.

And as long as the world has its Dr. Wassells and Margaret

Havens and their like to keep it sound at heart, the evil example

of the thieves and the vandals, the sadists and the sinners won't

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